reported in Delhi during the years 2000 to 2003 (upto 31.3.2003) is given below:

2000	549	410
2001	603	414
2002	639	400
2003(upto 31.3.03)	174	71

(c) and (d) The main reasons which drive people towards this extreme step include, *inter-alia*, family disputes; financial crisis; mental depression; failure in examinations; prolonged and chronic illness, etc. Such problems are best tackled at social level.

Spurt in cases under Official Secrets Act

2846. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been sudden spurt in the cases registered under the Official Secrets Act in the recent past;

(b) whether several MPs have appealed to the Government for an amendment to the Act to make it more effective; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) During the year 2002, 35 espionage cases were detected in comparison to 19 cases in 2000 and 17 cases in 2001. In 2003, so far five espionage cases have been detected.

(b) and (c) Some MPs have appealed to the Government for an amendment to the Act. This matter is being looked into and the position in this regard will be laid on the Table of the House.

Urdu knowing persons employed with Delhi police

2847. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the police department of Delhi, a very substantial amount of work till sixties was done in Urdu language;

(b) if so, what is the provision for Urdu knowing people and transla-